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ORIG: T. Smith *rsd*  
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 EXT: 0715  
 DATE: 19 April 1961

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1. FYI, SENIOR KUDOVE OFFICIALS ONLY. A STRIKE FORCE OF CUBAN REVOLUTIONARIES NUMBERING 1200, INVADED CUBA BY SEA 17 APRIL AT COCHINGO BAY, LAS VILLAS PROVINCE. AFTER THREE INITIAL BEACH HEADS WERE SECURED AGAINST LITTLE OPPOSITION, THE OOC SUCCEEDED IN ESTABLISHING AIR SUPERIORITY USING T-33 JET TRAINERS AND MIG-17'S. BY 18 APRIL UP TO 12 SOVIET-BUILT TANKS WERE BROUGHT INTO ACTION.

2. THE REBELS LOST ONE BEACH HEAD ON 17 APRIL AND THEIR REMAINING FOOTHOLD ON 19 APRIL. THIS WAS PRIMARILY DUE TO THREE FACTORS:

(A) INABILITY TO RESUPPLY WITH PROP A/C IN FACE OF ENEMY JET AIR SUPERIORITY.

(B) INABILITY TO WITHSTAND HEAVY TANK ASSAULT ON A BEACH COMBAT ZONE.

(C) OVERWHELMING ENEMY MAN POWER.

3. THIS STRIKE FORCE WAS THE MAIN REBEL EFFORT DURING THE PERIOD 16-20 APRIL.

4. NO RELIABLE DATA THIS DATE RE REBEL WOUNDED, CAPTURED, OR KILLED. BEACH HEAD WAS COMPLETELY OVERRUN BUT LOCAL TROOPS SUCH THAT INDIVIDUALS OR SMALL GROUPS MAY HAVE INFILTRATED INLAND.

5. OOC POLICE ACTION, INCLUDING ARREST OF THOUSANDS, EFFECTIVELY PREVENTED CIVILIAN ACTION IN SUPPORT INVASION.

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6. FULL DETAILS NOT AVAILABLE. PSYCH GUIDANCE WILL FOLLOW.

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 RICHARD M. BISSELL  
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